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Admiral Stansfield Turner Central Intelligence Agence Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner.

Congratulations on receiving, and ascepting, a most challenging and stimulating assignment. When we visited together many months ago, I doubt that either of us anticipated that you would be taking over the office, but now that it has happened I wish you all the best of success, satisfaction and reward in it.

In addition to best wishes, I offer to you any help you might wish of me. But I leave entirely in your hands the choice of what this should be. When I left the post I cancelled all my clearances and have tried in no way to intrude upon my fine successor, George Bush. I have been speaking around the country and am writing a book, but I hope both of these are and will be supportive of our intelligence efforts — and in compliance with the secrecy agreement I signed many years ago. Thus I invite you to call upon me as you see fit, but I will await your initiative in all cases.

Again, I am sure you will find the post a great one, and that you will bring special distinction to it -

Sincerely,

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